



# Take Climate Action!

Make small changes with big impacts



## HEAT SUSTAINABLY

### Prioritize biomass heating<sup>1</sup>

- ☐ Supplement oil heating with biomass heating
- ☐ Swap-out old wood stoves for new efficient ones
- ☐ Collect firewood locally
- ☐ Use sustainably sourced pellets
- ☐ Burn dry wood



## SAVE ENERGY

### Try energy-saving tips<sup>2</sup>

- ☐ Turn lights off when not in use
- ☐ Switch to LED lights
- ☐ Seal leaks around doors and windows
- ☐ Add plastic film to your windows in winter
- ☐ Wash clothes in cold water and hang-dry
- ☐ Purchase ENERGY STAR appliances



## SAVE GAS

### Curb emissions from driving<sup>3</sup>

- ☐ Walk, bike, ski, or kicksled instead
- ☐ Carpool to your destination
- ☐ Use 4-stroke engines in boats, snowmobiles, and ATVs
- ☐ Don't idle longer than 60 seconds
- ☐ Spend 2-3 minutes warming your vehicle in cold weather
- ☐ Install a block heater



## MITIGATE WILDFIRES

### Protect your home<sup>4</sup>

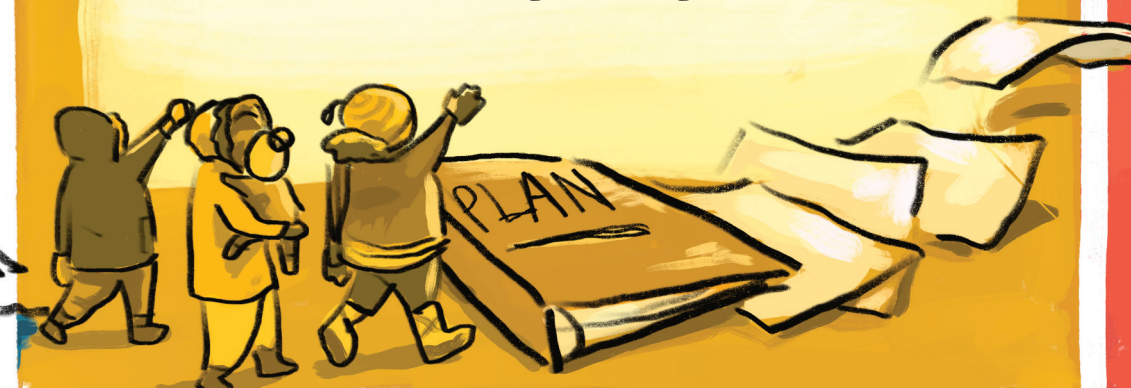
- ☐ Store firewood and diesel away from your home
- ☐ Prune or remove low branches, shrubs, and dead leaves around your home if you live near the bush
- ☐ Build with fire-resistant materials
- ☐ Clear leaves and branches off your roof



## ACT COLLECTIVELY

### Engage with community leaders<sup>5</sup>

- ☐ Create an Adaptation Plan
- ☐ Create an Emergency Plan
- ☐ Create Hazard Maps for floods, permafrost thaw, and wildland fires
- ☐ Declare a climate emergency
- ☐ Support electric vehicle charging stations
- ☐ Support an anti-idling campaign



## SPEAK-UP

### Let people know you care

- ☐ Attend community meetings
- ☐ Organize a letter-writing campaign
- ☐ Organize a climate march, like Fridays for Future
- ☐ Start a petition
- ☐ Call your local MLA



## EAT LOCAL

### Prioritize country foods<sup>6</sup>

- ☐ Eat locally harvested meat and fish
- ☐ Raise chickens
- ☐ Use a community freezer
- ☐ Harvest northern berries and plants
- ☐ Host community feasts with local foods
- ☐ Dry, can, and jam your fall harvest
- ☐ Grow your own veggies



## AVOID PLASTICS

### Use fewer petroleum products<sup>7</sup>

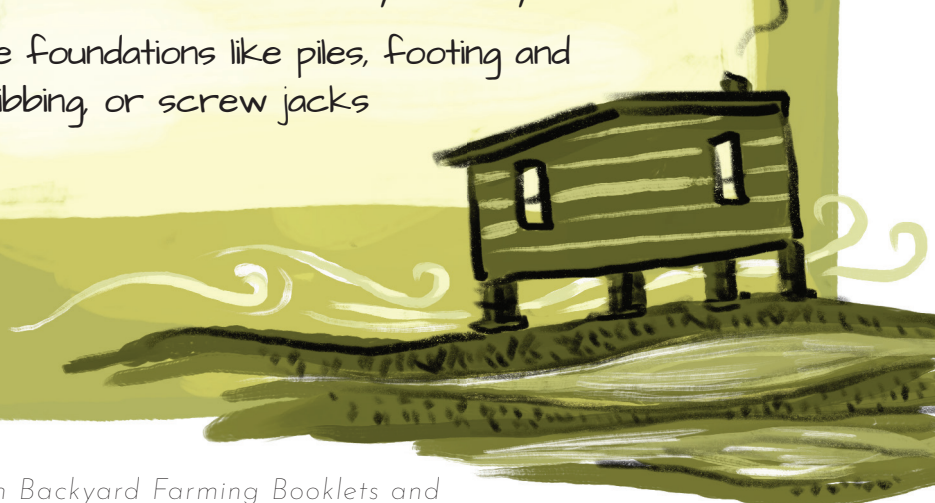
- ☐ Refuse plastic bags, straws and stir sticks
- ☐ Drink tap water, not bottled water
- ☐ Serve water in pitchers with reusable cups at events
- ☐ Wear natural fabrics and furs
- ☐ Store food in reusable containers
- ☐ Purchase food in bulk



## PROTECT PERMAFROST

### Prevent damage to your home<sup>8</sup>

- ☐ Provide the ground with shade from trees or buildings
- ☐ Use open skirting to let air flow under your home
- ☐ Don't store things under or beside your home
- ☐ Clear away snow piles from your home
- ☐ Allow water to drain away from your home
- ☐ Use foundations like piles, footing and cribbing or screw jacks



1. Learn about the Arctic Energy Alliance rebate program for residential wood and wood-pellet stoves at [aea.nt.ca](http://aea.nt.ca).  
 2. Learn about the Arctic Energy Alliance rebate program for energy-efficient products and home improvements at [aea.nt.ca](http://aea.nt.ca).  
 3. Read "Fuel-efficient driving techniques" and "Why do Canadians idle?" at [nrcan.gc.ca](http://nrcan.gc.ca).  
 4. Read the "Planning Fire Resilient Communities" adaptation guide at [ecologynorth.ca](http://ecologynorth.ca).  
 5. Learn about community and regional climate actions in the NWT 2030 Climate Change Strategic Framework at [enr.gov.nt.ca](http://enr.gov.nt.ca); and learn about rebate programs for electric vehicles and charging stations at [aea.nt.ca](http://aea.nt.ca).

6. Learn about gardening in Ecology North's Northern Backyard Farming Booklets and Northern Soil Recipes at [ecologynorth.ca](http://ecologynorth.ca).  
 7. Read the NWT Healthy Communities Toolkit, "Drop the Water Bottle - Drink Tap Water" at [healthycommunities.tookitnwt.ca](http://healthycommunities.tookitnwt.ca); and take the pledge to stop drinking imported bottled water at [lovenwtwater.ca](http://lovenwtwater.ca).  
 8. Read "A Homeowner's Guide to Permafrost in the Northwest Territories" at [enr.gov.nt.ca](http://enr.gov.nt.ca); and read the "Preventing Permafrost Degradation" adaptation guide at [ecologynorth.ca](http://ecologynorth.ca).

